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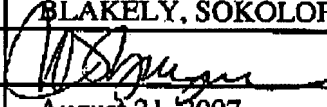
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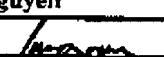
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REPLY BRIEF

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the following Reply Brief pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.41 for consideration by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our deposit Account No. 02-2666. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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REMARKS

Applicant is filing this Reply Brief to reply to the Examiner's Answer mailed June 22, 2007. The following numbered items correspond to the numbered items contained in the Examiner's Answer.

(6) Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal:

There is a typographical error in the claim numbers. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-23 (not 15-3 as erroneously entered in the Appeal Brief), and 25-30 stand rejected.

(7) Arguments:

The same typographical error appears in the subheading ("A. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-23, and 25-30 Are Not Obvious over Chatterjee 1, Chatterjee 2, and Miller in view of Ludwig."), and the first paragraph ("Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-23, and 25-30 stand rejected...")

(10) Responses to Arguments:

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner concedes that Chatterjee 1 does not explicitly teach about a management layer (Final Office Action, page 4, paragraph number 2). However, in the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner contends that a management layer (digital ink structure) is disclosed to process data (compress) using a processing function (compression codec) (Examiner's Answer, page 12, second paragraph). Applicant respectfully disagrees. A digital ink structure merely describes a manual input to produce an image and is therefore at its highest level a number 102 of inkstrokes 104 (Chatterjee 1, paragraph [0017], lines 7-10). Figure 1 shows the digital ink structure as a data structure defined in C language. It is not a management layer that processes data in a first format from an input device using a processing function.

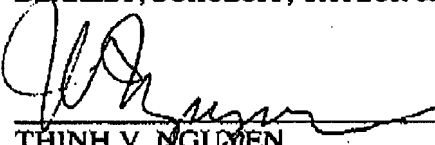
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Board enter a decision overturning the Examiner's rejection of all pending claims, and holding that the claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited prior art reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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